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TO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST-GRUNWALD

1. AT REQUEST CONG. VANIK, EMBASSY SHOULD EXTEND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO ERZEBET GRUNWALD, DEMBINSZKY UTCA 33, BUDAPEST. SHE IS 80 YEAR OLD LADY WHO WISHES ATTEND DECEMBER 22 WEDDING OF HER NIECE, MISS BLUM, IN CLEVELAND.

2. ACCORDING VANIK'S OFFICE, MRS. GRUNWALD HAS HAD NO REPLY TO HER PASSPORT APPLICATION FROM GOH AUTHORITIES; ALTHOUGH APPLICATION MADE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. CONGRESSMAN VANIK HAS WRITTEN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR SZABO ON THE MATTER. FYI: WE NOTE THAT CONGRESSMAN VANIK WILL, IN ALL PROBABILITY BE DESIGNATED HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBER WHEN TRADE REFORM ACT IS AT THAT STAGE.

CONGRESSMAN VANIK'S OFFICE IS NOT PLEASED WITH SHORT SHRIFT THEIR REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE INITIALLY APPEARED TO RECEIVE AT HUNGARIAN EMBASSY, AGAIN ILLUSTRATING THAT EMBASSY'S PROPENSITY, IN THEIR VIEW, TO "CREATE PROBLEMS WHERE NONE EXIST". END FYI. KISSINGER

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